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CONTRACTOR SETTLES UNLAWFUL HAZARDOUS WASTE TRANSPORT, DUMPING ALLEGATIONS:

American Technologies, Inc., has agreed to pay \$63,755 in civil penalties and costs to settle a lawsuit alleging that the company unlawfully transported and disposed of hazardous waste to the Miramar Landfill. The case was prosecuted by the San Diego City Attorney's Office.

The lawsuit, filed on January 6, 1998, alleged that the company generated the waste during an asbestos abatement and lead paint removal project performed at the Naval Amphibious Base in Coronado under a United States Navy contract. City Environmental Services personnel at the landfill suspected it was potentially hazardous and launched an investigation. Subsequent testing revealed the waste was, in fact, hazardous. Without any finding or admission of wrongdoing, the defendant agreed to the terms of the Superior Court Judgment which prohibits the company from engaging in similar misconduct in the future. The company also agreed to conduct two educational seminars concerning the proper handling and disposal of hazardous waste, which it will offer to all licensed asbestos abatement contractors in the State of California.

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